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1. SUBSEQUENT TO THE JANUARY 17 DISCUSSIONS PREPARATORY TO THE US-MEXICO MIXED COMMISSION MEETING, THE DEPT COMPLETED A REVIEW OF THE TECHNICIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM, WITH THE DECISION:

A) DIRECTOR FOR OFFICE OF MEXICAN AFFAIRS IN ARA WILL BE THE COORDINATOR OF THE PROGRAM;

B) CU (CU/ARA) WILL ADMINISTER THAT SIDE OF THE PROGRAM COVERING THE SENDING OF US PARTICIPANTS TO MEXICO, AND WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDING;

C) AID WILL CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER AS IN THE PAST THAT SIDE OF THE PROGRAM INVOLVING MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS COMING TO THE US.

2. PLEASE ADVISE GOM (FOR SEC AND CONACYT) OF THE ABOVE.

3. ALTHOUGH WE INITIALLY THOUGHT THAT DISCUSSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES RELATING TO (B) ABOVE COULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONDUCTED DURING MIXED COMMISSION MEETING ORIGINALLY

SCHEDULED FOR MARCH, SLIPPAGE WHICH HAS OCCURRED SUGGESTS
IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR A DEPT OFFICIAL TO

TO MEET WITH CONACYT OFFICIALS PRIOR TO MIXED COMMISSION
MEETING. THIS WOULD COMPLEMENT FEBRUARY MEETING OF AID
OFFICER BRANDT WITH CONACYT OFFICIALS, DEALING WITH
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS COMING
TO US.

4. DISCUSSION COULD BE HELD EITHER IN MEXICO CITY OR
WASHINGTON. WE PREFER THAT MEETING TAKE PLACE AT GOM'S
EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. SPECIAL ACTION PLAN RESULTING FROM BRANDT VISIT
WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM. RUSH

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